On June 7, 1776 Richard Henry Lee of Virginia came up with three points in their call for independence. They were the first state after the essay written by Thomas Paine called, *Common Sense*.

“His three part resolution-which called for independence, the formation of foreign alliances, and preparation of a plan a plan of **confederation** – triggered by hot debate among the delegates.” (Quoted in American Government by O’Connor)

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***con·fed·er·a·tion*Noun/kənˌfedəˈrāSHən/**

1. An organization that consists of a number of parties or groups united in an alliance or league.

2. A more or less permanent union of countries with some or most political power vested in a central authority.

***con·fed·er·ate*/kənˈfedərit/**

Adjective: Joined by an agreement or treaty.

Noun: A person one works with, esp. in something secret or illegal; an accomplice